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The Agawam Police Association's annual benefit concert for various youth and civic groups as the sign says, will be tonight. Police Association President Edward Borgatti today urged residents to attend this concert. The Association has worked hard in recent weeks preparing for the event, which, in the long run, does indeed benefit many residents of the community through contributions to various groups. The Police Association, Borgatti said, hopes that proceeds from the concert will enable the Association to maintain its past excellence on donations. A large turnout for the two concerts are anticipated at the Junior High School.

Teacher Dismissal Stirs Disagreement On Terms

By Joanne Brown

Last Tuesday evening the School Committee formally voted to dismiss 109 teachers as of June 30, 1981, "due to declining enrollment, financial considerations, and Proposition 2 1/2." These same individuals had previously been warned 30 days ago to expect their pink slips.

In the absence of Richard Borgatti, the votes were 6-0 except for Thomas Ennis' abstention on his daughter's position.

Among those individuals included are two elementary school principals (Mrs. Barbara Kimball and Smith Rovelli), the director of audio-visual services, 64 tenured and 42 non-tenured teachers. At this point, no one knows for sure how many of this number will actually lose their jobs due to budget constraints. There is a five-year recall period according to the Agawam Education Association contract.

Disagreement On Wording Of Notices

Terminology used in the procedure drew sharp criticism from a majority of the 75 persons in attendance at the meeting. The AEA had filed a grievance over the use of the word *dismiss* instead of the contract term *lay off*. The School Committee denied this grievance.

AEA President Peter Lowrey, whose name is among those on the list, stated, "The use of the word *dismiss* carries with it the loss of our rights as tenured teachers. We bargained for the *lay off* language and feel the School Committee has breached the contract by not sticking with that term."

School Department Attorney John Teahan told School Committee members prior to the vote that Massachusetts General Laws use the word *dismiss*.

Chapter 72 of the law does not include the term *lay off*, only *dismiss*, and the contract does not include *dismiss*, only *lay off*.

According to Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert, the law says a teacher is either working or dismissed with nothing between.

"When both the law and the contract were written, nobody anticipated something like 2 1/2," Hebert pointed out. "Even though we have to use the language of the law, we have to honor the contract and recall the teachers in terms of the contract word *lay off*."

Lowrey counters that statement by saying, "The term *lay off* should be used now. The language of the General Laws should come into effect at the end of the five-year recall period."

According to Lowrey's interpretation, the word *dismiss* indicates the teachers have been fired as of June 30 and will not have recall rights. Even with recall rights, tenure may be lost following a dismissal.

He outlined the association's plan to carry the grievance to the state arbitration association. They will also explore any other legal avenues they may pursue.

Lowrey's own request of the School Committee for a personal hearing to test this issue has not been granted as yet. He is seeking a date prior to June 30.

He seemed to voice the sentiments of many teachers who have been served notice when he expressed disillusionment with the School Committee.

"They tell us their intentions are to lay us off and preserve our rights, but then they vote officially to dismiss us," Lowrey concluded.

School Budget Fails To Meet Shortfalls

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council's School Budget Committee is recommending that at least \$250,000 should be slashed from the School Budget if the School Department is to meet their share of losses due to Proposition 2 1/2.

According to a School Department formula, an additional 17 teachers could lose their jobs if the cuts are approved by Town Council and passed to the School Committee.

Councilor William Herd, Jr., who is chairman of the three-member subcommittee, said today that the School Department has not picked up their "fair share" of lost automobile excise tax revenues in their proposed budget.

"Considering the facts and estimates involving Proposition 2 1/2, the committee has no other choice than to suggest to the council that the school budget be no higher than \$7.2 million," Herd said.

The School Committee has approved a \$7,433,599 fiscal 1981-82 budget which would place 7.5 teachers out of work. At a joint session last December, Town Council and the School Committee had agreed to share Proposition 2 1/2 losses on a 50-50 basis.

Herd pointed out that the school's operating budget for 1980-81 is actually \$234,444 less than what they originally proposed because of lost excise tax revenues.

He explained that an additional \$127,500 will be lost next year in excise tax revenues. The total amount of excise tax shortfall to the schools would be \$382,500, he said. "What they lost this year is only a partial figure," he added. "They have not accounted for this anywhere in their proposed 81-82 budget."

Town Manager Richard Bowen notified the council last week that the entire budget would have to be reduced by \$186,000 in order to meet the current debt services. Bowen said the School Department's share of that loss is \$93,000.

"With the \$93,000 that has to go and the excise tax shortfall, the School Budget should really be down to \$7,113,351," Herd said.

"If we look at the situation, we've got four different figures to work with, but their budget 'tops' at a minimum which should be no higher than \$7.2 million," he reiterated.

Meeting 'The Bunny'



This young Feeding Hills baby, who asked to remain anonymous, met the Easter Bunny recently at the Holyoke Mall in Holyoke and seemed very impressed with his newly found friend.

Easter Bunny at J.W. Wimpy's



J.W. Wimpy's employees, from left, Mary O'Neill, Pam Sullivan and Rose Rossi are caretaking owner Ernie Lombardi's giant six-foot Easter Bunny which will be presented to a lucky patron on Saturday. Just have a delicious J.W. Wimpy's meal and then sign up for the drawing. Photo by Jack Devine.

Connelly Commended On State Aid Bill

Representative Edward W. Connelly earned the commendation of the Massachusetts Municipal Association for voting in favor of an effort to introduce a resolution calling for \$300 million in new state aid to cities and towns. In addition to the Municipal Association, which represents the state's cities and towns, the Mass. Taxpayers Foundation, the Mass. Association of School Committees, and the Mass. Association of School Superintendents supported the resolution.

"The leadership of the House has resisted bringing this resolution to the floor," said James Segel, Director of the Mass. Municipal Association. "Never-

theless, seventy-five representatives had the courage to go on record as favoring additional aid to cities and towns."

Segel continued, "The only responsible way to implement Proposition 2½ is for both municipalities and the state to share the burden. That is the only way we can have property tax relief without decimating local services. We are glad to see a growing consensus in the House on this issue."

Segel concluded, "We applaud the vote of Rep. Connelly. It took real political courage to commit on this issue as well as a genuine dedication to implementing Proposition 2½ constructively."

Revaluation Figures For Town Budget Reaffirmed By State

By Steve Gazillo

A spokesperson for the Massachusetts Department of Revenues gave out the wrong information on budget and revaluation procedures last week and stirred up "much ado about nothing," Town Manager Richare J. Bowen said today.

J. Robert Sherman, a public relations director with the state's revenue department, commented last week that Agawam's fiscal 1981-82 budget could be rejected if the town's revaluation was not completed before June 30th.

Sherman said the estimate of \$450 million property evaluation, the figure Bowen used to prepare his budget, was \$50 million above state estimates and could be rejected unless actual evaluation was "complete and certified" by June 30th.

His statements, however, were subsequently overturned by Jane H. Malme, Chief of the Bureau of Local Assessment for the Revenue Department. Ms. Malme said there was nothing wrong with Bowen's method of using the \$450 million estimate to prepare his proposed budget.

She pointed out that a letter dated February 24, 1980 from the Commissioner of Revenues states that "Proposition 2 1/2 guidelines mandate no final deadline for fiscal year 1982 a certification of full and fair cash value so that ongoing revaluation programs can be completed in an orderly manner."

Bowen has based his budget on the assumption that the state mandated revaluation process would bring the town's total property value to at least \$450 million. Under the legal guidelines of Proposition 2 1/2, which states that cities and town cannot take more than 2 1/2 percent of assessed property value in taxes, Agawam's levy would be \$11.2 million.

At a workshop session of Town Council Monday night Bowen called his \$450 million figure "prudent. Officials from United Appraisal Company, the firm hired to do revaluation in Agawam, confirmed this at the meeting.

Sherwood S. Vermilya, a senior vice-president for the company, said "there is no reason to believe the \$450 million revaluation figure is not accurate."



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Cablevision Adds Channels

Beginning this week, Commonwealth Cablevision plans to make the first of several changes designed to provide more programming for more of its customers in Agawam, Westfield, and West Springfield.

WVIT, Channel 30 from New Britain will be added fulltime to their lowest cost package. This NBC affiliate carries its own movie and syndicated series packages plus it often takes a different regional game on NBC sports.

WTNH, Channel 8, the ABC affiliate from New Haven, will also be added to the lowest cost service. However, because it is more than 35 miles away, federal law requires that it be blacked-out, but only when Channel 40 is carrying the exact same network show. This is called "Network non-duplication" by the FCC. During these blackouts, Reuters News Service will be carried in its place with up-to-the-minute reports on the latest happenings worldwide.

The Reuters sports and financial new service including the New York Stock Exchange ticker will replace blackouts on Channels 38, 9 and 11, however these blackouts have now been reduced to less than 3% of the time.

WTNH, Channel 8, will appear on cable channel 10 while WVIT, Channel 30, will appear on cable channel 12. To make room for them, the bulletin board and time/weather will alternate on cable channel 3.

In making the announcement, Commonwealth's new vice-president John Cooney stated, "The movement of these four services down to our lowest cost package is just the next in a continuing series of improvements which began when we bought these systems in 1979, and this is not all. We are working hard on a replacement for Channel 27 and hope to have an announcement on that soon."

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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

This weekend coming up is a special one as Easter and Passover both are celebrated at the same time. Whatever your religious affiliations, I hope you all have a nice holiday. It is really a time for a renewal of faith and a promise of new life. And with spring bursting upon the scene at every turn, how can we have any doubts? So with this promise of new life, make a promise to yourself to make a "new beginning." Try something new or even perhaps take up something you tried years ago and gave up for some reason. Life is full of opportunity and joy if we will just give it a chance.

The Golden Agers held their regular meeting on April 8th. The last new member to be admitted this year was Angelina Novelli. This group has so many activities and such fun that there is always a waiting list of people wanting to join. If you are one of those that think you'd like to be a part of this great organization, please contact a current member and get your name on that list.

Everyone was very pleased and surprised to see Hilda Wetzel at the meeting; she's been missed.

The meeting was a lot of fun with a cartoonist entertaining the group and a raffle held with many prizes.

The next meeting on April 29th will feature gift Bingo.

There is a correction to the time reported for the May 3rd trip. The bus will be leaving Country View Apartments in Feeding Hills at 8:00 a.m. Those taking the bus from the Senior Center must be at the center no later than 8:15.



Senior Citizens who recently enjoyed an afternoon tea at the Captain Charles Leonard House are, (clockwise) Carol Atkinson, Ruth Lammon, Betty Brown and Ermine Merrill. Photo by Jack Devine.

The Senior Citizens' oil painting class under the direction of Mrs. Alice Hulse will hold an exhibit at Meadowbrook Manor on April 22, 23, and 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year the show has been expanded to include clay sculpture.

There will be a special craft show at the Senior Center on May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Be sure to attend. You will find many different and interesting crafts on display. You may get some ideas of your own while you're at it. Take a friend and enjoy it.

Young or old, we can't forget Mother's Day coming up. The Senior Center is planning to help celebrate with a party that will be in conjunction with lunch on Friday, May 8th. There will be some entertainment,

so be sure to get there for lunch that day.

The Agawam Senior Ladies would like to thank the Agawam Women's Club for the lovely tea given for them on April 7th. Approximately 50 people attended with 20 of the guests coming from Heritage Hall. The guests were entertained with a beautiful slide show accompanied by strawberry shortcake. Door prizes were given to many guests and everyone left with a little souvenir of some type. A lovely afternoon for all.

*I watched a robin build her nest.
I watched the trees grow green.
Mother Nature on the job,
The prettiest sight I've ever seen.*

Rita White

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Monday, April 20

**Town Hall Closed
Patriots Day**

Tuesday, April 21

**Town Council Regular Meeting
Public Library
8 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 21

**Agawam Housing Authority
7:30 p.m.
Senior Center**

Wednesday, April 22

**Town Council Public Hearing on
1981-82 Municipal Budget
Junior High School Auditorium
8 p.m.**

Thursday, April 23

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Congressional Reps. To Be Honored

The Springfield Republican City Committee will honor U.S. Representative Silvio Conte of the First Congressional District and U.S. Representative Margaret Heckler of the Tenth Congressional District as the Man and Woman of the Year on May 17th at the Oaks Inn in Springfield.

The awards will be presented by previous recipients State Rep. Edward Connelly, Assistant Minority Leader, and State Rep. Iris Holland, Minority Whip of the House.

This marks the second annual testimonial brunch sponsored by the group to honor outstanding political leaders of the Republican Party. A special Patrons' Reception will follow immediately after at the home of George Fontaine.

Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Mary Kaufman, chairman of the Springfield Republican City Committee, 701 Roosevelt Ave., Springfield; Spiros Manolakis, 507 Wilbraham Rd., Springfield; or George Fontaine, 3 Crescent Hill, Springfield.



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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary recently were CHARLES & LORETTA BELDEN, SR. of 65 A Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills. A friendly reception was held at the Pheasant Hill Village Club Room with about 60 of their friends and relatives enjoying dinner and dancing.

Charles is retired from the Black and White Taxi Service, where he gave 45 years of service, and Loretta worked for ten years at the White Sewing Center of New England. The couple has two children: CHARLES, JR. of Tuscon, Arizona, and LORRAINE MILLETT of Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. We wish you many more happy years together!

Poor little ROBERT MANNING! He recently tried to lift his brother's weights and all he got for his "super hero" effort was an abdominal hernia! So it looks like he'll be spending his Easter vacation recuperating from upcoming surgery to correct the damage done.

Robert, the nine-year-old son of WILLIAM & MARY MANNING of 32 Stewart Lane and a fourth-grade student at Phelps School, will be undergoing surgery at Springfield Hospital on Good Friday and should be home shortly after to begin to gain his strength back. According to Dr. Doering, Robert's pediatrician, "At most, he will miss a week of school."

To Robert:

Take care of yourself and it won't be long,
Till you're up and around, feeling healthy
and strong.

NANCY RACKLIFFE, daughter of MR. & MRS. RICHARD J. RACKLIFFE of 32 Riviera Drive, Agawam, a freshman at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, has been appointed to Green Key. Members of Green Key are selected on the basis of good citizenship, academic proficiency, and leadership potential. They serve as counselors to next year's incoming freshmen and act as official campus guides and hostesses.

A graduate of Agawam High, Nancy is majoring in Recreation Therapy at Green Mountain.

An Irish supper was held on March 20th at the Pheasant Hill Social Club and was thoroughly enjoyed by many residents. Door prizes were given out and dancing music provided throughout the evening. Making the event possible were IRIS SCOTT, ELLEN TISDELL, GAIL FORNI, ALMA KENDALL, ROSE MEZZETTI, EDNA CHARTIER, PHIL MERCADANTE, and ROSE BOSBISH.

Private RICHARD THORTON, son of MR. & MRS. DONALD THORTON, formerly of Feeding Hills, has just completed the Military Police course at Fort McClellan in Alabama and is now stationed at Fort Devons, Massachusetts.

Richard's brother JIM will be graduating from Agawam High this June and in September will be attending Longwood College in Virginia.

The Thorntons, DON, LUCILLE, daughter DENISE, and son PAUL DAVID, are now living at 13118 Glenmeadow Court, Midlothian, Virginia. They write that they are "still enjoying our Agawam Advertiser/News." It's nice to hear from you, folks, too!

CHARLES MCCOBB JR., son of MR. & MRS. CHARLES MCCOBB of 43 Elbert Road, Agawam, has been promoted to associate vice-president of the Bond Investment Department at Aetna Life and Casualty.

Charlie is a graduate of Agawam High and AIC and holds a masters degree from Cornell University. He joined Aetna as an assistant securities analyst in the Common Stocks Department in 1973 and was promoted to securities analyst in 1975 and to senior securities analyst the following year.

In 1977, Charlie was named investment officer of the Bond Investment Department and was promoted again to senior investment officer in 1979.

He and his wife HEIDIMARIE live with their two children CLAUDIE & STEPHANIE in Wethersfield, Conn.

Call Penny at home (786-9144) or drop her a note at 72 Federal Street with any interesting events happening in your life



Charles and Loretta Belden of 65 A Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. The couple enjoyed a fine day and we wish them another 50 years of continued happiness together. Photo by Jack Devine.

Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street.

A visiting officers' night is scheduled when each current officer is asked to invite a corresponding officer from another grange to be his guest during the evening.

During the lecturer's hour a chorus from the Congregational Church choir will entertain. A social hour under the direction of Betsey Beaulieu assisted by Hannah Binns and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gillis will follow.

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Jaycees' Activities

The Agawam Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes will conduct their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18th at Shea's Field off Maynard Street. This hunt is open to all Agawam up to and including the second graders.

There is no charge for participation and children will receive candy and prizes, most of which have been donated from local merchants.

The Jaycee-ettes will hold their annual Tag and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 26th at 10 a.m. at the Food Mart on Springfield Street. Proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

The United States Jaycee-ettes have recently adopted St. Jude's as an organization worthy of their support for the coming year. A goal of \$700,000 as their first year's contribution has been set.

If anyone is interested in donating goods for the tag or bake sale or in receiving more information about the Jaycee-ettes' organization may contact Joann Taylor at 786-5630 or Gerri Milliken at 789-0105.

Local 'Y' Sponsors Easter Egg Hunt

The Agawam YMCA Outdoor Center and Camp Millbrook, sponsor a free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to noon. The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will conduct a chocolate egg hunt at the 'Y' property at 108 Perry Lane, Agawam.

Ages 5 and under will hunt at 11 a.m. and ages 6-9 will hunt at 11:30.

Special prizes will be hidden such as a free two-week registration to attend Camp Millbrook for the summer, free swimming lessons and a family membership the Outdoor Center. Older kids in the family might like to play volleyball, horseshoes or tennis which will be available.

For more information, call 739-6951, ext. 252.

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Neighboring Church Events

The Sunday School Association of St. Joseph's Church, Westfield, are including in their Easter festivities a "Swienconka" or Easter supper to be held on Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. at the Social Center on Clinton Avenue.

The menu will include traditional Polish foods, and the occasion will be highlighted by a Parcel Post Auction, where bids are made on packages sent by individuals from all parts of the country. Profits will benefit St. Joseph's children's trip to New York City.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Alan Rising at 568-1136 or from any Sunday School Association member.

On Sunday, April 26, William Harvey Building Association is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at the White Church, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield.

Servings will run from 8 to 10:30 a.m. with donations for all you can eat requested at \$2.25 for adults and 99¢ for children under 12. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Dr. Paul Manz, distinguished cantor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, will present a Festival of Hymns at the South Congregational Church in Springfield on Tuesday, May 5th at 8 p.m.

Dr. Manz will improvise ten hymns demonstrating his talent that has led to the composition of several volumes of church music. Anyone interested in music in worship services will benefit from this event.

A Charismatic Weekend Retreat for men and women will be held on April 24-26 at the Marian Center with Rev. John Dreher of Providence, R.I., as retreat director. Arrival time for the retreat is 7 p.m. Friday and closing time is 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

The theme of the retreat will be "Knowing Jesus Christ and Deepening our Relationship with Him." For reservations, please contact the Marian Center at 533-7171.

The Charismatic Prayer Group of Holy Name Parish, Springfield, will participate in an Evening of Renewal on Wednesday, April 29, at the Marian Center in Holyoke. Guest speaker will be Rev. John Ayers, St. Francis Parish, Belchertown will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner and a second talk will then precede mass. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.

The women of Holy Name Parish will hold a Day of Reflection on Sunday, May 3 at the Marian Center with guest speaker Sister Eleanor Dooley, S.S.J. Registration will be at 10 a.m. with two talks, dinner, and mass scheduled.

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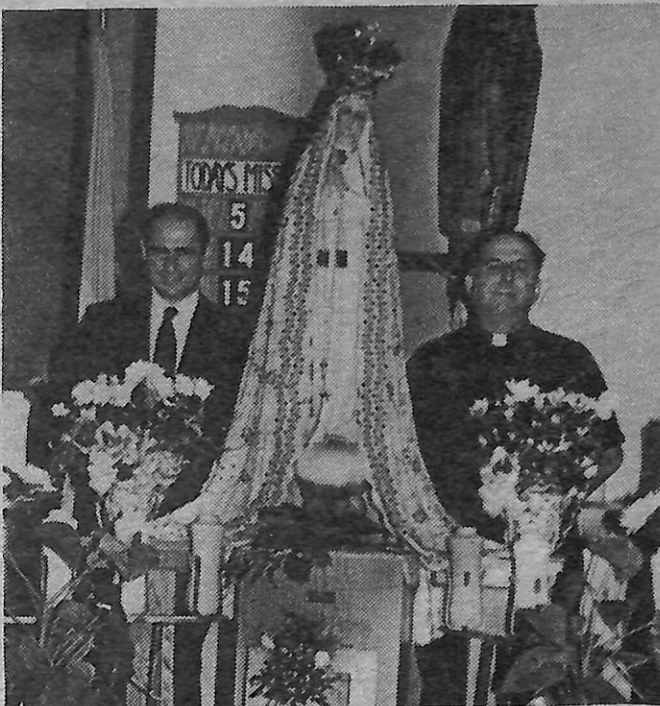
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Our Lady of Fatima On Display



Recently, St. Theresa's Church in Agawam hosted the statue of "Our Lady of Fatima." Picture is Father Robert Choquette, pastor of St. Theresa's with the statue's guardian, Louie Kaczmarek. Mr. Kaczmarek travels throughout the country to display the famous statue.

Photo by Jack Devine.

Bible Church News

On Sunday, April 12th, the Rev. Michael Walker became the interim pastor of the Feeding Hills Bible Church. Rev. Walker is a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, where he later became an instructor of Pastoral Ministries.

More recently, Rev. Walker has been a Bible teacher to children and adults and has served as pulpit supply in Western Massachusetts. He currently resides in Amherst.

John Colley, principal of the Feeding Hills Christian Academy, recently attended an administrators' seminar for Christian education in York, Pennsylvania.

The seminar was one of six such meetings held across the United States sponsored by Accelerated Christian Education of Lewisville, Texas. These seminars were attended by more than 2,000 pastors, principals and administrators. Forty three topics were discussed by fourteen key speakers, including the founder and president, Dr. Donald R. Howard.

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Wojcik was required to pass successfully four of a possible five written examinations offered by the society's Curriculum and Certification Council to meet the qualifications of CPIM. The exams tested knowledge and understanding of the several areas of the field of production and inventory control and were administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey.

Agawam Woman 1st VP Of Springfield YWCA

Lucille Myles-Johnson of Agawam was elected first vice-president of the Springfield YWCA at the agency's 110th annual meeting last week. Ms. Myles-Johnson is an attorney employed as an Appeal Referee with the Department of Social Services. She is also a community volunteer and member of Jack and Jill, an organization which plans activities for children.

The agency serves all of Greater Springfield and operates a number of community services including career development for women, a hotline and support service for victims of rape or battery, an alternative school for pregnant teens, an emergency shelter for teen girls, a pre-school program, parent training for teen mothers and fathers, and a program for women in jail.

For information on programs and services, contact the YWCA at 135 State Street, Springfield, 732-3121. The YWCA is a United Way Agency.

Art Demonstrations Offered In E. Long.

The Town Gallery Ltd, 53 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow, is giving a series of demonstrations and classes free of charge within the next few weeks. This cooperative gallery is a non-profit organization which also offers classes.

Simple silkscreening by Lucy Mueller White will be demonstrated on April 18th at 11 a.m. Watercolor works by Sandra Dudek of Feeding Hills will be displayed on May 16th at 11 a.m.

Classes offered are basic drawing, pastel, simple silkscreen, outdoor watercolor, and a batik workshop for children. For dates, times, fees, and instructor information, please contact the gallery at 525-1292.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 22 - 24
Painting Lessons
Senior Center
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 25
25th Anniversary
Polish Club
7 p.m.

April 26
Rev. Dunn Party
Oak Ridge CC
4 p.m.

April 25 - 26
Flea Market
W.S. Women's Club
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April 26
Macaroni Dinner
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Middle School
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EDITORIAL

Grandstanding Not Needed On Budget

Thus far through the budgetary process, most members on both Town Council and School Committee have refrained from grandstanding on the current fiscal budget and the economic crunch facing the municipality.

But the real test is upcoming: more cuts seem down the road and the ones that are currently being proposed are tough and will be felt in programs throughout town government.

We need frank and open dialogue from our elected town officials on the budget through these next weeks which will be difficult indeed.

This year, more than any other, points to the necessity for a spirit of communication and understanding between Town Council and the School Board...with no promises that cannot be kept by either side being issued.

The town cannot endure for long a wide-open and chaotic budget review.

So far, we have viewed communications between the council and school board as being cordial.

If this erodes or breaks down, the town in the final analysis suffers.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

Spring has brought to the State House and City Hall throughout Massachusetts demonstrations against Proposition 2 1/2. People are mad and frustrated that a majority of the local and state officials are not especially satisfying by the voter's clear desire for tax relief.

Governor King didn't respond specifically in his budget recommendations. The Speaker of the House, in his rare news conference last week, didn't. The Taxation Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee didn't. The \$300 million resolution a group of representatives offered last week was well intentioned but again did not supply specifics.

Only the BETTER BUDGET responds specifically. It shows exactly how state spending can be reduced. It shows exactly how money can be given, directly and indirectly, to the cities and towns. I and 36 other state representatives sponsor the BETTER BUDGET, and we have been very specific about the \$320.7 million - and more - we're distributing to the cities and town and the \$45.5 million we're giving to the needy so that they can keep up with inflation.

Responsible Budget Cuts

\$124 million for salary increases: The Governor plans to put this money in a reserve account to pay for salary increases. This is four times more money than has ever been put aside for such adjustments in recent years. Our research has also revealed that agencies and departments also hold certain sums of money aside for salary increases.

Therefore, there is a double reserve. Our BETTER BUDGET recommends that the state's \$124 million reserve be eliminated and the money given to the cities and towns. This does not eliminate the possibility of unions to negotiate raises for their members. Any raise can be funded by the departmental reserves, by money raises by management improvements, and by attrition. Why should we create this "slush fund" which the unions can take for their members? Cities and towns can provide salary increases only by reducing other expenses. Should the state be treated differently?

\$8.9 million from the Lottery Commission. The Governor's Management Task Force recommended an on-line computer for the State Lottery Commission. This might increase lottery profits and distributions to cities and towns. We eliminated the increase, however, because the time is not right for such a capital investment. We need the money more elsewhere in Fiscal Year 1982.

If the Lottery Commission reduced its administrative costs to a level comparable to lotteries in other states, the commission would have enough to acquire its computer in less than two years.

Administration: Approximately \$104 million has been eliminated from the Governor's budget by cutting 15 percent from over 150 administrative accounts. Administrative costs, government's fat, have been increasing steadily over the years.

In recent years some accounts have increased more than 100 percent - one increased by 405 percent. We believe that it is time to end this growth and force state government to carry its share of inflation and revenue limitations without reducing real services to people.



On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

We are at the end of an alley in the pivotal and politically somber issue of increasing the water and sewer rates.

On Tuesday night, town councilors will vote on raising water and sewer fees by 40 percent and 125 percent respectively.

If approved by a majority of councilors, the average water bill per year will jump from \$68 to \$95 and the sewer bill from \$34 to \$77.

This is not easy to swallow.

We have heard dozens of arguments spelling out the rights and wrongs of a yes or a no vote. We have heard of the jobs to be lost if it's voted down and the voters of Proposition 2 1/2 who are duped if it's approved.

I understand the need to make each department self-sufficient to reduce their dependency of the General Fund. This is a year of lost excise tax revenues and limitations on the amount of funds the town can raise for its general budget.

I know we will hear more from political gadflies who knock the merits of the town manager's approach to extremely difficult economic times.

But what are their solutions?

Nowhere in the world of "taking sides" has anyone given an alternative answer to that question... "without the rate increase, where does the money to run the water and sewer departments come from?"

Once again, the facts are in black and white. If the town council votes down the increase in water and sewer rates, the budget submitted by Town Manager Richard J. Bowen must be reduced by over a half a million dollars.

This is the economic reality.

The truth is, there is nowhere else to look for that money but through categorical cuts in various municipal departments. Ultimately, we would find ourselves with fewer services.

One can argue effectively that a "no" vote on this issue is in tune with the national trend to dismantle government and its services. The "no" vote respects the local mood of Proposition 2 1/2, and may save a few political hides next November.

But in the long run, those councilors who reject the water and sewer rate increases are endorsing the message, "if you're going to pay less, you're going to have less."

To buck the national and local trends by voting "yes" on this issue is not likely to be politically popular.

However, to support the proposed increase is an exercise in sound judgement. It is the only choice now that could possibly maintain the current level of services that Agawam's citizens enjoy.

The alternative is to cut the budget and inevitably reduce the quality of life that people here have come to expect.

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1979-80 Municipal Town Report

Special Section On Feeding Hills Center: A Growing Retail And Residential Area.

Spotlight On The Agawam Senior Citizen And The Various Activities Available To Our Elderly.

All The Local News: Sports, Social, Political

Mailed To Each And Every Home And Business In The Community.

Don't Miss Our Town Report Edition April 23, 1981

Town Council Notice

Nominations will be accepted from the community until May 1, 1981 for five outstanding citizens to be presented by Town Council next month.

The council's awards subcommittee will hold a special celebration on May 16 for the five outstanding citizens.

Those who wish to forward nominations may do so by sending them to Councilor Stephen Cincotta, Awards Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 514, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

LEGAL NOTICE

Liquor Licensing Commission
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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that the Keg Package Store, Inc., Alfred H. Christopher, Manager, 56 River Street, Agawam, Mass. has applied for transfer of a Wines and Malt beverages license as a Retail Package Goods Store to 340 North Westfield Street, Inc., Nancy M. Swikalus, Manager, 340 North Westfield Street, Agawam, Ma. Building consisting of one floor, two rooms. Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, May 6, 1981, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Administration Building, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Inception Of Title One Honored

By Joanne Brown

Title I schools in Agawam held an "Open House Day" on Wednesday, April 15th, in honor of Title I's sixteenth birthday. Parents visited schools to see their children at work and to have conferences with Title I teachers.

Title I is a continuing project which began in Agawam in 1972 to provide additional reading and math instruction for those with special needs on the elementary level. In addition to the present six teachers who work under these federal funds, there is also a counselor who works to coordinate efforts between the school and home to help children achieve maximum results.

The \$107,500 allocated to Agawam this year along with about \$10,000 in holdover money has been divided among Danahy, Peirce, Clark, and Middle Schools. Those schools which qualify for Title I funds are determined using various financial factors, but once the particular schools are selected, any child attending those schools who has special educational needs may be helped under the program.

Approximately 200 students have been helped in both reading and math throughout the present school year. In reading, all of the children receive instruction five days per week for 30 to 45 minute periods. The program supplements the existing reading program already in operation within the classroom, and the Title I teacher works closely with the child's regular classroom teacher to improve the child's reading comprehension so he can meet all of his classroom requirements.

The Title I math program is conducted so that each child progresses at his own rate of speed. As the child achieves success and gains confidence in his own abilities, it is hoped that he will begin to enjoy math.

A Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has been very helpful in assisting with this project and in giving input. Mrs. Marilyn Talbot, chairperson, has been active in leading parents of Title I children not only here

in Agawam, but also as vice-chairman of the state PAC.

Proof of the effectiveness of Agawam's Title I project comes directly from the children and parents involved in learning under its aegis. One parent expressed herself in a letter to Mrs. Barbara Kimball, coordinator of the project, describing the pride with which her son glows as he brings home his school papers since he has begun to make progress under Title I instruction. This particular parent noted difficulties she had had as a student, difficulties with which she received no help and so came to hate school. Her gratitude for her son's success reflects that of the majority of parents who witness gains in self-confidence and poise in their children who had previously had trouble with studies.

Parents' pleasure in the program is echoed among the children involved as well. Children from early primary years through grade 7 have expressed their delight in accomplishing "real learning." They feel they benefit from the small group learning situations and take their newly-acquired knowledge back to their classrooms where further progress can be made.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, who generally oversees the Title I program, is not sure of funding to be forthcoming for next year.

"The State Department of Education has told us to plan on a 17% reduction in funding," Bruno stated, "but with carryover money, we can probably maintain the same number of teaching positions."

Bruno noted that it may not be until mid-summer before Agawam knows exactly how much funding it will receive, but if the same number of teaching positions can be maintained, then most likely approximately the same number of students can be serviced next year.

Any parent interested in obtaining more information on the Title I project may contact Mr. Bruno or Mrs. Talbot.

TV Or No TV??



The Take Five Touring Theatre entertained Phelps and Danahy students recently with the pros and cons of television viewing. Workshops on discriminating viewing followed. Take 5 members Dave Clark, Andrea Southwick, and Kristen Johnson play out one of the skits.

Doors Detailed For 3rd Graders

Do you know what a fanlight is? Can you describe where you might find a lintel or a post?

You may not know that a lintel, post and fanlight are parts of a door, but the third-grade students at Clark and Granger Schools who are studying "New England Colonial Doors and Doorways" certainly do. This curriculum kit was created by art teacher Marjorie Sherman with the help of the staff of Storowton Village Museum as part of the Wide Horizons project this year.

Sherman, who admits that "doors fascinate me," planned the kit so that third-graders will see how a door was designed and built 200 years ago and understand why the door symbolized the home and security to Colonial Americans.

The first activity of the kit is designed to sharpen the students' visual perception by having them draw, from memory, the front door of their home or school. From there, the students learn about the different parts of a colonial door - hinges, latch, doorsill, fanlight, lintel, post, etc. - by examining an one-foot miniature wooden door, which was built by Sherman's brother for the kit. The students then design their own colonial door from sample parts and drawings in the kit.

After learning what parts make up a door, the students investigate how colonial doors were made by studying the tasks and tools of "the doormakers" - the blacksmith, the carpenter, and the glazier. The students also have the opportunity to examine how doors (and buildings) were designed by such noted Colonial American architects as Asher Benjamin and Charles Bullfinch.

As a culminating activity, the students first see a slide show on outstanding doors in Agawam (such as the doors of the town hall and the Captain Leonard House) and then take an "Open Door" tour of Storowton Village.

As Marjorie Sherman points out, "This kit will help students really look at a part of their homes that is often overlooked and will give them a flavor of life and work in Colonial America. But, most important, it will make them see."

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'Y' Offers Vacation Fun Activities

The YMCA has a host of activities planned for children ages 6-16 during the upcoming school vacation from school.

In Agawam and West Springfield, daily trips will take place such as hiking in the Blue Hills or a Mystic Seaport visit. Kathryn Zingg, assistant youth director, will supervise along with trip leaders. Daily pick-up stops at the Agawam Family Center on Perry Lane with all activities beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m.

The 'Y' is also sponsoring a mini-bike day camp for boys and girls ages 12-16. Minibikes will be provided along with competent leadership. The minibike camp is geared towards learning the mechanics of a bike, care handling, and safety procedures.

A week-long camping experience at Camp Norwich, the Y's camp in Huntington, is also being sponsored. Five days of outdoor activities under competent leadership will be provided.

In addition to these activities, the Springfield YMCA will be open daily from 2 to 5 p.m. for drop-in visitors who may wish to swim, participate in gym activities, use the game room, or see a movie. Both members and non-members are welcome during vacation week.

Commerce High Reunion

The Commerce High School Class of '66 is having its 15th year class reunion on Saturday, October 3, 1981. An evening right out of the sixties is planned.

For more information, call Karen at 736-5182 or Gary at 566-3095.

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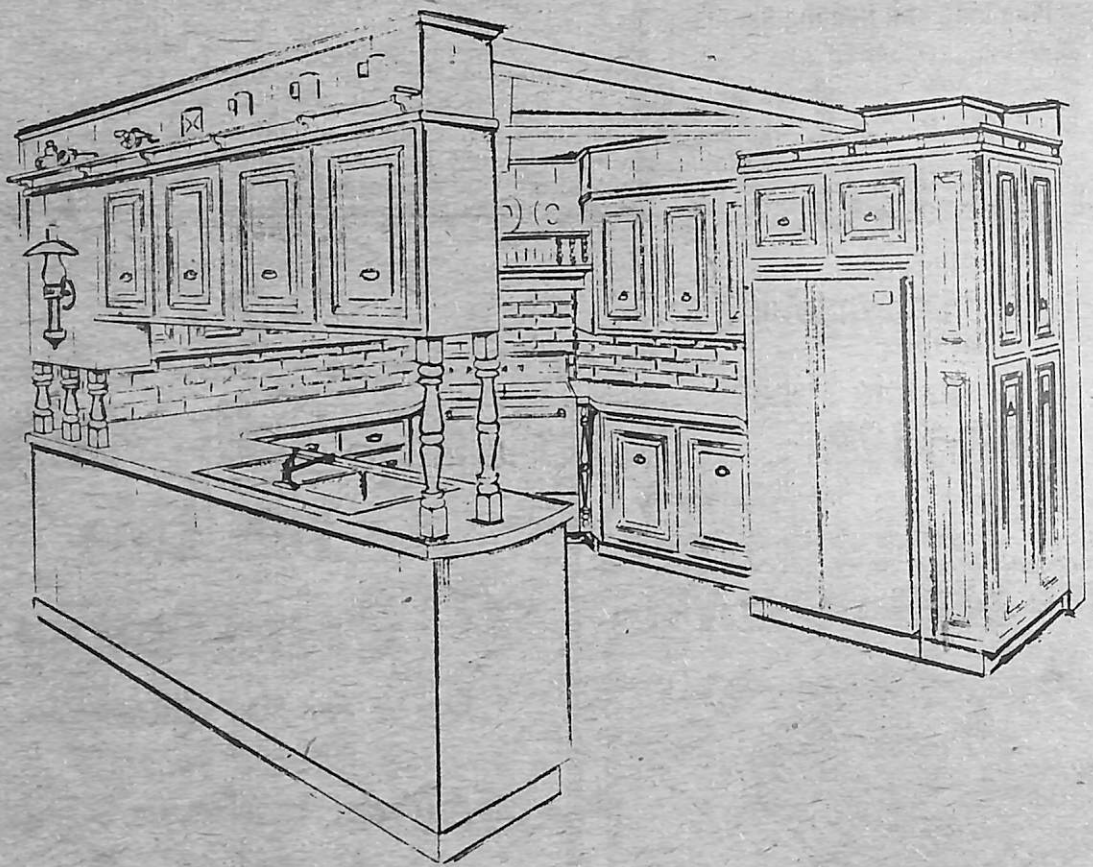
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Davis Honored For 25 Years Of Service

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Brian Asta-Ferrero, Agawam High Band President in 1962 when the band represented Massachusetts in the National Marching Band Contest in Mason City, Iowa, and Dean Jevons, band vice-president that year, made the presentation on behalf of all former music students who have studied under Davis' tutelage.

Former band member Michael Walsh, a member of Representative Edward Connelly's staff, made the presentation of the State House Resolution.

These three individuals along with several others performed a number of show tunes as part of the alumni section of the musical evening. Other former music students to participate were Pamela (Lockhart) Moriarty, Lesley (Cole) Marcoux, and Gary Cole, all starts of Agawam High musicals produced in the 1960's.

From 1956 to 1976, Director Davis was involved in the production of some 20 Broadway musicals at Agawam High School in addition to being director of the concert, marching, and jazz bands.

Other highlights of the evening were solo recital numbers by music faculty and All-Easter honor students Todd Rovelli and Andy Lester; jazz combos composed of music staff and school faculty; and a full size jazz band composed of faculty, alumni and students.

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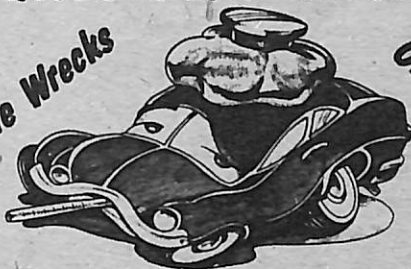
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Laughing Brook is sponsoring two programs focused on their newly-installed and operating Clivus Multrum biological composting toilet - both set for Wednesday, April 22.

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"Composting Toilets: A Viable Alternative" will be at 7:30 p.m. and will be more technical for adults. It will include information in many areas from the rationale for water conservation to alternatives on the market.

Both programs are open to the public free of charge, but advanced registration is requested.

An advanced birdwatching course for adults titled "Bird Songs and Territories" will be offered in two sessions on Thursday, April 23, and Thursday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Led by ornithologist Helen Bates of Springfield the course will detail observations of bird songs and the location of singing perches that local birds use.

This program is open to the public, admission is charged, and pre-registration is required.

A special family day for visitors is being conducted on Sunday, April 26 with admission to Laughing Brook half price: adults, \$1; and children under 16, 50¢. Laughing Brook is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and picnic tables are available.

Regular attractions include four miles of hiking trails, live exhibits of native New England wildlife, Touch and See Trail for the blind and visually handicapped, and a new Education Center building housing an Audubon Shop, Resource Library, Art Gallery and exhibits.

In addition, family day will feature activities by day camp staff at 1:30 p.m., all of which will be free.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
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As I mentioned in last week's column, major changes will take effect for the 1981-82 school year regarding credit requirements, course requirements and the minimum passing grade. I will examine each of these changes which can be found in the latest high school syllabus to be given to every high school student by counselors who will explain the changes and/or additions.

1) Credit Requirements for Graduation: The present system requires all students to accumulate 65 credits in order to graduate. Next year the new requirements will be as follows:

Class of '82: 70 credits
Class of '83: 75 credits
Class of '84: 80 credits

The total number of required credits for graduation is the minimum that a student must accumulate. A portion of the total must include the specific course requirements for graduation. Every student will have to carry a minimum of 27 credits each school year.

2) Course Requirements: Students who are members of the 1983 and 1984 graduating classes (this year's ninth and tenth graders) must take and pass the following courses to graduate: Three years of English (5 credits to be taken in each of the three years); One year of mathematics; One year of a science; One year of U.S. history; and Three years of physical education.

Students who are members of the 1982 graduating class (this year's junior class) must pass the following courses to graduate: Three years of English (5 credits in each of the three years); One year of U.S. history; and Three years of physical education.

Minimum Passing Grade: The present minimum grade for passing a subject is 65. This will be changed to a 60 in September, 1981.

Next week's column will explain other major changes which will affect honor roll, class rank, and National Honor Society.

WSC Presents Hello, Dolly

Hello, Dolly, a Tams-Witmark production, will be performed at Westfield State College on April 23, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m. along with a noontime matinee on April 25.

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SPORTS



An unidentified Brownie' high jumper takes a few warmup jumps prior to the squad's opening meet victory over Longmeadow on Monday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field. Photo by Jack Devine.

Lionettes Sign-Up Slated

The Agawam Lionettes will hold their townwide sign-ups for the 1981 softball season April 17-19.

The Lionettes are a competitive team which plays nationally-sanctioned, suburban-level fast pitch softball in the 16-18 age division of the Pioneer Valley Girls Softball League. They are the only team in Agawam entered in such competition.

Eligibility requirements are that girl be residents of Agawam or attending an Agawam school; that she be between 16 and 18 years of age as of September 1, 1981; that she have a minimum of two years of fast pitch experience and still an amateur; and that she be available the first week of June through the first week of August.

Those interested in trying out may call the coach, William Meissner, at 789-0067 on the dates indicated.

Varsity Runners Take Longmeadow In Opener

By Debbie Guidi

With an 81-64 victory over Longmeadow Monday afternoon, the Agawam boys varsity track team is off to a good start in their pursuit of yet another winning season.

Though disappointed in some areas of the squad's performance, Coach Joe Modzelewski was optimistic. "We're a young team and a rebuilding team; we can go nowhere but up from here," he stated. "We've got a lot to look forward to."

Modzelewski was particularly pleased with the performance of Eric Nelsen, who placed first in the 120 high hurdles and the high jump. Nelsen's time for the 120 was 15.7 while Longmeadow's fastest time there was 20.48, good enough for third place.

The Brownies swept the field in the 100-yard and discus events. Longmeadow was unable to make a clean sweep of any event and lost both the mile relay and the 440 relay to Agawam.

Coach Modzelewski noted that the sophomores did well in their first meet. One standout was Steve Young, who placed in the top three in the 880, the high jump, and the triple jump.

Longmeadow was most successful in the distance events, taking first and second place in the mile and two mile. Third place in the mile was awarded to Agawam's Dan Jury, who, with a time of 5.09, was not far behind Longmeadow's second place time of 5.08. In the two-mile, Agawam's John Danaher was able to chalk up one point for the Brownies in the event by placing third.

Longmeadow's weakest area was their field events for which they were only able to total 21 points to Agawam's 42. Agawam took first and second in the pole vault and first and third in the high jump and shot put.

The Brownies hope this week's victory is the start of a winning streak. They go against Minnechaug next Monday and then host Amherst next Thursday at the high school track.



Camping Family Style

Continuing from last week, here are more items campers frequently forget to take with them that would make their stay in the woods a lot pleasanter:

— An axe. Frequently forgotten by tent campers, who break out their tent, poles and pegs, and then wonder what they're going to drive

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Lancers Thump Brownie' Girls

By Debbie Guidi

Though the final score seems to indicate a poor performance, Agawam high's track coach says that Monday afternoon's 78½-39½ loss to Longmeadow was "not representative of what the team is capable of accomplishing and is not as bad as it seems."

Brownie Rose Stratton called her team's performance "really impressive," pointing out that they had gone into the meet not expecting to do as well as they did.

"It was really surprising. We expected seconds, but took quite a few firsts," Mrs. Stratton stated, referring to top places achieved by Debbie Cheetham in the mile, Lynn Mogan in the 110 low hurdles, and Patrice Ross in the discus.

One of the high points of Monday's encounter was Debbie Cheetham's 6.8 mile, where she overtook the leader in the last five yards to grab first place.

Patrice Ross's first place 83'10" in the discus qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament, as did teammate Denise Murray's second place 80'5".

The Brownies also took second place in the Javelin with Denise Murray's 88'3" mark, and second in the shotput with Rita Iacola's 25'1". Agawam's Cathy O'Malley and Debbie Cheetham both hit the 4'6"

mark in the high jump for second and third place there.

Coach Stratton's earlier prediction of difficulty with the distances proved true.

"We did well in the sprints and the 100 yd. dash, but didn't get much for distance. We lost the 440 relay and didn't do well in the two mile," the coach said.

She pointed out that part of the problem in this first meet had to do with the fact that Agawam's ranks are lean this season.

"They have tremendous depth, while we had to use kids over," Coach Stratton said of the opposition.

"Karen Barr ran both the 100 and the 220, which is just too tiring. Longmeadow had a lot of speed too, and we just couldn't compete there."

"Longmeadow, Amherst and West Springfield are the teams to beat, so we really didn't do that badly. This meet showed us just how hard we're going to have to work. We're looking forward to South Hadley. We feel we'll hold our own in that meet," Coach Stratton said.

Agawam will face the Tigers Thursday afternoon and Minnechaug Monday April 20 at 10:00 a.m. Both meets will be at the high school track.

Polverari Takes Stafford Springs

By Larry Bouchard

Three time Riverside Park Champion Bob Polverari of West Springfield captured the 10th Annual Spring Sizzler at Stafford Springs, by a nose, as he beat out three time National champion Richie Evans.

At the line, as the two cars came out of the turn, Richie Evans was on the inside and Polverari was on the outside, that is when the horse power started to count.

Polverari put his foot into it and crossed the line.

Polverari came in taking the win. At the winners circle

Bob said, "I waited a long time for this win and it could not have been over a better man."

The win was worth approximately \$5,700 to the popular West Springfield driver. Evans earned \$4,500 for his second place finish. Rounding out the top six, it was Polverari, Evans, Reggie Ruggerio, who won the best-looking car at the track; Greg Sacks, Corky Cookman and Carl "Bugs" Stevens.

Evans, who started the race in 10th place broke the track record by recording a 19.46 seconds over Agawam's John Rosati who turned the track at 19.50 to start in 9th.

Rosati had the misfortune of hitting the third turn wall forcing him to call it day. Another champion who was a top gun was Maywood Turner who with 10 laps to go dropped out with clutch trouble.

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Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

Quabbin Reservoir opened for fishing Saturday, April 11th, at 5 a.m. Tony Marcell and Paul Quagliani teamed up to take in the opener. Paul is an accomplished laker fisherman and took over one hundred lakers last year. He has a method for fishing for the lakers that eliminates still fishing with live bait. He uses live bait, but trolls the lure on a combination of lead core, monel wire and mono line. He bumps the bottom with his rig and takes plenty of lakers.

Tony and Paul arrived at gate 8 at 3 a.m. and were the 140th car in line. It took them to 7 a.m. to get on the water. The two were off the "Big Lady" by 1:30 with their limit of trout. The largest weighed 6 pounds and the smallest, 4 pounds.

The pressure on the reservoir must have been tremendous if you visualize the same line of cars at the other three gates. It sure lessens the pressure on the other trout lakes in this part of the state.

Mark and Lance Poirer fished Otis recently and took their three trout limits. They could not get over how dark the trout were. Early stocking through the ice has something to do with their coloration, I have been told. Mark remarked that there was only one other boat on the water with them.

While at the sportsmen's show in Boxborough this spring, I was enthralled with the fishing line strength tests demonstrated by the Stren fishing line division of Dupont, Inc. The main purpose of the tests was to show the strength of the knots many fishermen tie their lures and flies to their lines with.

I learned my knots from my father and gathered up a few more from various publications I had read. You have probably done the same. I have lost fish by my knot breaking under stress. I blamed it on my tying and the condition of the line I used. So my eyes were opened when I observed the breaking point of the knots I tied. The demonstrators let me tie my favorite knot and then he put the pressure to it. The knot broke every time before the line did. I tied the knot he recommended and the line broke first. Guess what knot I will be using from now on.

I picked up the small pamphlet he made available. I believe that you can get the same material from your Stren Line dealer. If not, send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to the Dupont Company Plastic Products & Resins Dept. (Stren Fishing Line), Wilmington, Delaware 19898. The information on knots and the many knots shown in the booklet could mean the difference between netting a lunker fish and losing one.

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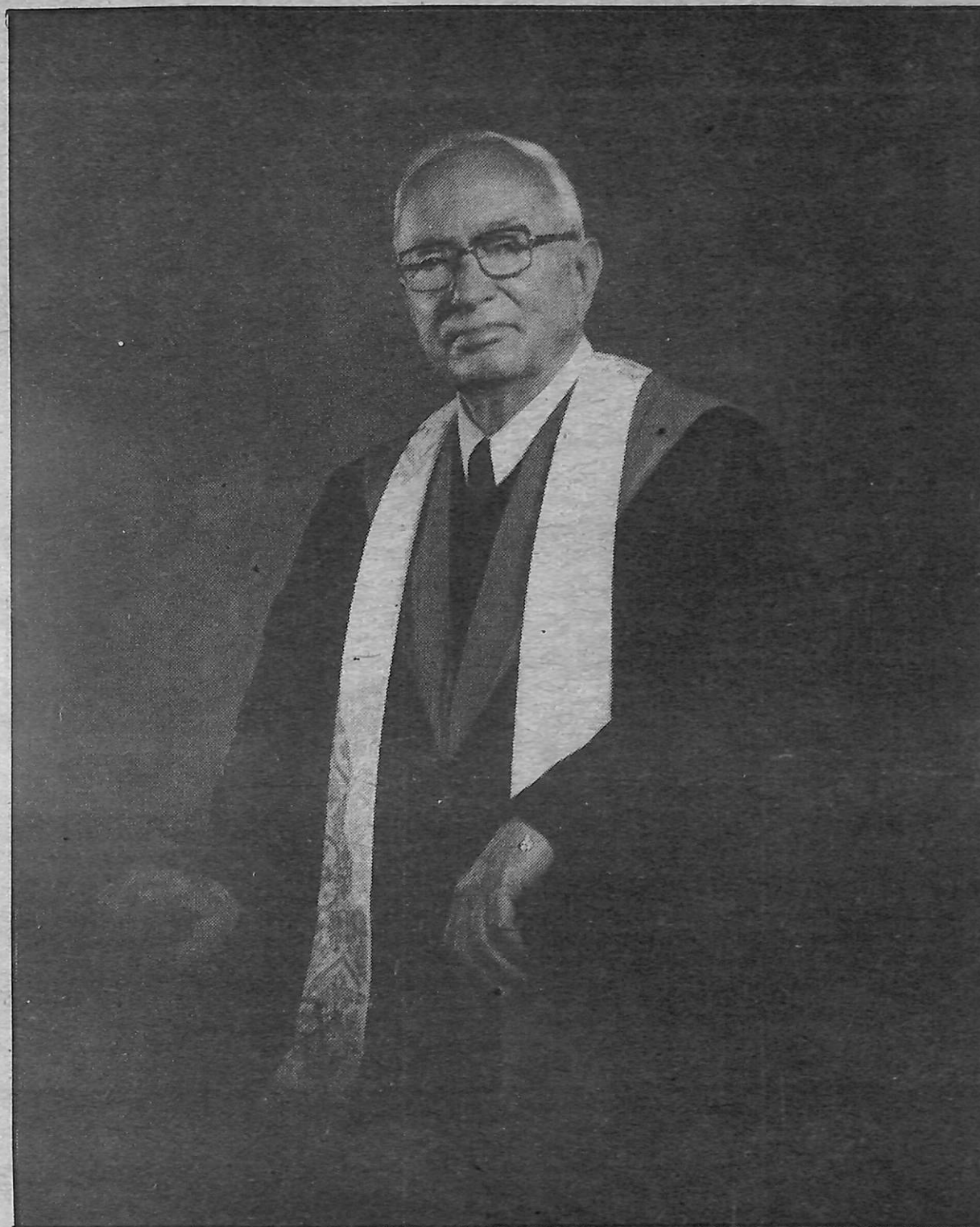
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